DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife announces new Delaware state record false albacore tuna caught

DOVER — DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife has confirmed a new state record in the Delaware Sport Fishing Tournament: a 22-pound, 9.6-ounce false albacore, caught July 13 in the Atlantic Ocean by Jason Conrad of Fleetwood, Pa. The fish was 35 inches long and had a girth of 22.5 inches.



Jason Conrad, left, shows off his state record false albacore catch, with charter boat Captain Travis Scott. Submitted photo.

Conrad caught the fish, also known as bonito and "little tunny," aboard the charter boat Canyon Hunter out of Indian River Marina, captained by Travis Scott. Conrad battled the trophy for 15 minutes before bringing the record fish into the boat.

The record catch was weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em, an official Delaware Sport Fishing Tournament weigh station located at Indian River Marina, with the catch initially confirmed by Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police Officer William Adkins.

A list of all Delaware Sport Fishing Tournament fishing records is available at the Division of Fish & Wildlife's Records page.

More information on the Delaware Sport Fishing Tournament is found in the <u>2019 Delaware Fishing Guide</u>. The guide also is available in printed form at DNREC's Dover licensing desk in the Richardson & Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, and from license agents throughout the state.

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